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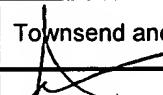
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| First Named Inventor | Nguyen, Quan |
| Art Unit | 1641 |
| Examiner Name | Counts, Gary W. |
| Attorney Docket Number | 002558-064310US |

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| Firm Name | Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP | | |
| Signature |  | | |
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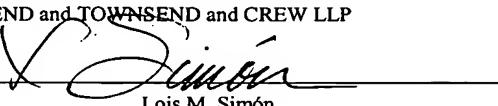


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Quan NGUYEN et al.

Application No.: 10/017,788

Filed: December 13, 2001

For: STANDARD DILUENT FOR
MULTIPLEX ASSAYS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6103

Examiner: Counts

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1641

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.